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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

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I would like to complain about the proposed settlement in the Microsoft
Antitrust case. Although the settlement has several good points, I feel that
it does not go far enough. Microsoft have been proven to use unfair marketing
tactics, and of leveraging their monopoly, and I don't believe this solution
will prevent this happenning again, this time into the digital media and
streaming arena.

I am very anxious that problems such as the incompatibility with their Office
file formats which have for a long time kept other software out of that
market, due to the neccessity of interoperability with other companies. It
has been suggested by many people knowledgable in the field that all that is
neccessary for competing programs to have a fair chance, would be the
requirement that Microsoft release the details of their file formats, enough
to make it easy to produce a program that can read the files with equal
reliability to their own products. I strongly support this view, and would
urge that you consider it before making a decision

Thank you
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Why the EU-CD is bad - don't let this become law!
http://eurorights.org/eudmca/WhyTheEUCDIsBad.html

"They that would give up essential liberty for temporary safety
deserve neither liberty nor safety."
- -- Benjamin Franklin

"Those who desire to give up Freedom, in order to gain Security,
will not have, nor do they deserve, either one."
- -- Thomas Jefferson

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